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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN JOURNALIST VISIT TO STANAVFORLANT

1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO SUGGESTION MADE BY COMSTANAVFORLANT DURING HIS OSLO VISIT LAST SPRING, EMBASSY--IN COOPERATION WITH CHOD NORWAY-- WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE VISIT BY SMALL GROUP OF LEADING NORWEGIAN MILITARY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WRITERS TO STANAVFORLANT SHIPS EXERCISING OFF NORTH NORWAY IN MID-SEPTEMBER.
2. VISIT WOULD BE MAJOR ELEMENT OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO SUPPORT NATO PUBLIC INFORMATION OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTHEN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN U.S. DEFENSE COMMITMENTS.
3. WE SUGGEST VISIT PROGRAM ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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A. FIRST DAY--JOURNALIST FLY COMMERCIAL AND/OR NORWEGIAN MILITARY

AIR TO EITHER BODO, HARSTAD OR TROMSO DEPENDING ON WHICH POINT BEST FOR HELO LIFT TO SHIPS AT SEA. BRIEFING ON OVERALL EXERCISE BY NORWEGIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS. LATE AFTERNOON HELO LIFT TO FLAG-SHIP. OBSERVE NIGHT OPS. RON.

B. SECOND DAY--BRIEFING BY COMMODORE, HELOLIFT TO OTHER SHIPS IN FORCE, OBSERVE EXERCISE. HELO RETURN TO LAND. COMMERCIAL AND/OR NORWEGIAN MILITARY AIR TO HOME TOWNS.

4. COST OF ALL COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS, OTHER NON-MILITARY TRANSPORT, PER DIEM WOULD BE COVERED BY USIS OSLO.

5. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE CAREFULLY SELECTED FROM LEADING MEDIA IN OSLO AND NORTH NORWAY.

6. ADVISE SOONEST IF SUCH A VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED. IF SO, HOW MANY JOURNALIST CAN BE ACCOMMODATED, WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMMING DO YOU SUGGEST, AND WHAT WOULD HELO DEPARTURE POINT BE? WE WOULD PREFER VISIT AFTER SEPT. 15 TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH NORWEGIAN ELECTIONS.

7. THIS MSG COORDINATED WITH CHOD NORWAY/PID AND CINCNORTH/PID.
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